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**Drafting Legislation (How to write a bill)**

# Title

* “Be it enacted by the Mock Senate of Newark High School [your title goes here].”

# Section I

* This is the purpose.  Make it brief, 2-3 sentences.

# Section II

* Definitions of terms used in the bill.

**Section III**

* This is the body.  Give details and particulars about what rules, restrictions, and rewards (if any) this bill creates in order to solve the particular problem facing the country.

**Section IV**

* This is the funding statement.  How would enforcement or implementation be paid for?

# Section V

* This is the penalty (or penalties).  Will there be consequences for noncompliance or violating this bill?

# Section VI

* This is the effective date.  Remember, your bill cannot go into effect before the day the President signs the bill into law.

An example can be found here: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:S.1801>:

All proposed and passed bills in American history can be searched here: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

(Check out the bills proposed by people from your “research” state or by Representative/Senator by clicking the links below the search button on the THOMAS website)

Second Congress of Newark High School

At the Seventh Session

Begun and held at the City of Newark on Tuesday, the Second of February, two thousand and ten.

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AN ACT

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the short name of this Act shall be the “Organic Milk Program.”

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Section 1: Findings and Purpose

1. Findings –
2. Organic Farm Practices
3. These practices required for manufacturing organic milk protect the soil and water from pollution through not using pesticides and fertilizers.
4. Hormones
5. Hormones such as BGH and rbST are likely to cause breast and colon cancer and are absorbed directly into the bloodstream. These hormones have been banned in Canada, Europe, and Japan.
6. Hormones are known to cause diseases in cows and decrease immunities.
7. Purpose –
8. To promote health in children and prevent cancer
9. To decrease risk of disease in and better life for cows

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Section 2: Definitions

In this act:

1. Organic milk is fluid milk product from cows fed with feed grown without pesticides or fertilizers, which have not been injected with bovine growth hormone or antibiotics, unless the cow is separated from the herd for one year for the antibiotics to clear its system, and which have free access to pasture.
2. BGH is bovine growth hormone.
3. rbST is recombinant bovine somatotropin.
4. Reputable organic milk provider is a company that sells milk that meets all the requirements to be classified as organic milk.
5. School refers to schools teaching kindergarten through twelfth grade.

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Section 3: Details and Particulars

1. Rules
2. All publicly funded schools, kindergarten through high school, must purchase milk from a reputable organic milk provider to be provided in cafeterias.
3. The organic milk provided in schools must be sold at the same price as the milk which it is replacing.
4. Only organic milk may be offered in schools.
5. Exceptions
6. Privately funded schools do not have to comply with this law. However, they are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the lowered cost of organic milk due to government subsidies to promote health among their students.
7. If a publicly funded school does not have a cafeteria, permanently or temporarily, they are exempt from this law.

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Section 4: Authorization of Appropriations

1. Funding for this bill will be taken from transferring .5% of funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education, to be distributed to state education departments as necessary. Also, the United States government will subsidize organic milk producers to decrease cost.
2. State education departments will distribute funds to school districts as appropriate for the sole purpose of purchasing organic milk.
3. Any additional funds will be retained by the district for benefitting school lunch programs.
4. Schools already providing organic milk will not receive this funding.

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Section 5: Penalties for non-compliance

1. Failure by a school to comply with this law will result in the following:
2. A 5% cut in funding by the district to be allocated to schools implementing the organic milk program,
3. No further funding for the program until the school administration shows a genuine interest in implementing the program.
4. These schools will be monitored strictly by the district and state for one year to prove that funds are being spent on organic milk.

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Section 6: Date of implementation

1. Upon passage of this act by both the House of Representatives and Senate, along with being signed by the President, this law will go into effect starting the 2010-2011 school year.

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